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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 21 Oct 1993 13:31:43 GMT
From: news.sprintlink.net!clark.net!andy@uunet.uu.net
Subject: "Vanity" Call Signs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

: VANITY CALLSIGNS AUTHORIZED

: Both the House and Senate have approved legislation authorizing the FCC to
: issue unique amateur radio callsigns, at a cost of \$7 per year, to the ham
: community. The surprise measure was inserted into the recently signed
: deficit reduction bill of President Clinton.

While I think this is a neat idea, I am puzzled about what configuration
a vanity call would take. Unlike vanity tags, call letters currently
indicate country and call area, although the latter is somewhat useless
given our mobility these days. Anyone have ideas about what a "vanity
call" might look like? Perhaps something like "IH8DX"?? {:->

K4ADL
andy@clark.net

Date: 21 Oct 93 16:02:56 GMT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: 'Vanity' Call Signs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, mraz@maverick.aud.alcatel.com (Kris Mraz) writes:
>jdelancy writes:
>
>>Did anyone pick up on the fact that the House and Senate
>>approved legislation that authorized the FCC to issue
>>"unique" ham call signs at a cost of seven bucks per
>>year to the ham radio community? Apparently it was contained
>>in the Presidential budget plan and even caught the Commission
>>off guard..
>>
>>ARRL, want to comment on this?
>
>Yes. This was brought to my attention last week. Seems the W5YI Report of 15
August
>had an article about it and the October issue of Radio Fun had an article which
>quoted the W5YI article:
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>issue unique amateur radio callsigns, at a cost of \$7 per year, to the ham
>community. The surprise measure was inserted into the recently signed
>deficit reduction bill of President Clinton.

It was a surprise only to W5YI. ARRL's Washington lobbyist worked
the Hill to get this into the legislation, and the FCC knew we were
doing it. The result is not *quite* what ARRL would like; we'd prefer

a one-time fee, even if it's a higher one. (Imagine having to pay the fee every time you move, for example.) Of course, the other requirement is for the FCC to get set up to *issue* vanity calls. That will require new computing capabilities at the FCC--which they are doing. And the FCC has expressed a desire to move forward with this issue (I remember hearing Ralph Haller, the head of the FCC's Private Radio Bureau, speak about it--I think it was at the L.A. ARRL National Convention last year).

So what this is, is the result of ARRL's pushing to make it happen, and *that* is the result of a lot of ARRL members asking their Directors to work on it.

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225 Main St., Newington CT 06111 |

Date: 21 Oct 93 16:34:07 GMT
From: sarge!sarge!svh@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Advice for 2m all-mode?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Would anyone care to advise on a 2m all-mode radio?
What's your favorite? Which ones to stay away from?

Ball-park price range?

Thanks, & 73's

steve (aa5yh)

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Date: 21 Oct 93 18:49:51 EDT
From: sdd.hp.com!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!caen!
malgudi.oar.net!mercury.wright.edu!desire.wright.edu!matrix.cs.wright.edu!
isoper@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: amatchuers and BS
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2a6hnRINNn10@emx.cc.utexas.edu>, oo7@emx.cc.utexas.edu (Derek Wills)
writes:

> isoper@matrix.cs.wright.edu says:
>
>>>the news groups could stand to have a new group form maybe.....
>
> >>radio.amatuer.misc.sex
> >>radio.amatuer.not_one.sex
> >>radio.amatuer.whatever.sex
>
> Wow - I used not to be able to spell amatcha and now I are one!
>
>>>This would make a browse easier for those of us who could careless about
>>>this raging debate that never seems to end.
>
> I think you mean "could not care less".
>
> At least the LARC representatives can spell, and write in English.
> They are not the ones who started this thread and they did not
> respond until the discussion had been going on a long time. In my
> opinion, they come out of this looking much better than those who
> so strongly resent their existence.
>
> Do you realize that 5-10% of the QSOs in your log book were probably
> with -gasp- homoseckshewels? There might even be some black people
> in there, maybe some QCWA members, perhaps an atheist or two, not to
> mention all the cannibals. Oooo, mummy!!
>
> Off to read amacha.bigots -
>
>
> Derek "spell-checker" Wills (AA5BT, G3NMX)
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Derek you are prime example of why I posted the message, I could careless whom I converse with on the radio or this net. You always make assumptions people are attacking your opinion on this issue. My opinion is the BS is getting out of hand, and maybe it should be dropped. So..... get a real life in the real world rather living in your sanctimonious, idealistic, and imaginary worldmy GOD I actually spelled 3 big words right....hell I'm on a roll... Damn PHD here I come..... except I fergit dat I am one of dose gotdamn rednecks anit I.

Have fun in fantasyland OM.....

Wes "the redneck somabitch" Soper (The Old Weasel, ZZ0zzz)
Department of Hysterics and Obtuse Angles, Southern Redneck University

Tupelo, MS 000007 (pfone was taked by foneman cuz yallknow us rednecks dont
our bills well)

Date: 21 Oct 93 17:13:37 GMT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Emergency breaks
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, ehare@arrl.org (Ed Hare - KA1CV) writes:
>In rec.radio.amateur.misc, monsoor@nextnet.csus.edu (Matt Monsoor) writes:
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>>I understood that one(1) break was used when wanting to be a part of
>>the QSO, that two(2) Breaks were a sign that you had a non-life-threatening
>>situation to report (patch) and three(3) BREAKS were to be used for a
>>life-threatening emergency you needed to report?
>
>Seeing all of the differing opinions and conventions from each area of
>the country, if I were in need of an emergency break on a repeater I
>would say "Emergency Break, this is KA1CV." No one could misunderstand,
>and few would argue with a station experiencing a genuine emergency
>that he didn't use the correct number of breaks.

Or in an immediate emergency, remove all doubt and go direct to the
universally recommended "Mayday Mayday." You don't have to save that for
when you're on an ocean liner that's sinking. I'd use it if I saw a person
hit by a car, clutch his chest and collapse, or lying next to a sparking
downed power line.

CUL es 73 de BB

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CONSIDERED OFFICIAL ARRL VIEWS OR POLICY..

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 07:18:00 GMT
From: pacbell.com!amdahl!netcomsv!netcom.com!dbledsoe@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: GAY & QST
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Brett,

When it comes to ham radio, I am ham FIRST and queer SECOND, thank you very much. Please do not put words into my mouth. It is obvious that you are making a great many assumptions, nearly all of them incorrect. You do not seem interested in the facts, only in what you choose to believe. You're in for a lot of disappointment.

Don

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Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI dbledsoe@netcom.com

Date: 21 Oct 93 07:07:02 EDT
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!news.kei.com!
yeshua.marcam.com!zip.eecs.umich.edu!caen!malgudi.oar.net!mercury.wright.edu!
desire.wright.edu!matrix.cs.@dog.ee.lbl.gov
Subject: GAYS,BARFS, AND OTHER BS
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Owing to the fact a large number of posts are dealing with the topic of GAYS, BARFS, QST, LARC, and other ham-sexual related topics, the news groups could stand to have a new group form maybe.....

radio.amatuer.misc.sex

or

radio.amatuer.not_one.sex

or

This would make a browse easier for those of us who could careless about this raging debate that never seems to end.

radio.amatuer.whatever.sex

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 07:57:58 GMT
From: concert!seq!mcgough@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Info about Dentron 160-10L amp
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hello,

I have an old Dentron 160-10L HF linear amp (with four 572B tubes). Does

anyone have the specifications for the power transformer used in this model?? I'm particularly interested in the CCS current ratings for the plate winding. The plate winding's output voltage is about 800VAC RMS.

Thanks,

David (kb4fxc)

email: mcgough@seq.cms.uncwil.edu

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 15:51:37 GMT

From: pacbell.com!amdahl!netcomsv!netcom.com!stevew@decwrl.dec.com

Subject: LARC, QST, etc.

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <gregCF5t4H.3zo@netcom.com>, greg@netcom.com (Greg Bullough) writes:

> To the ARRL (with a view that ARRL staffers read this forum, and
> will surely bring this invitation to dialogue to the attention of
> the appropriate individuals):
>
> stuff deleted...
> Any explanation about being 'unable to comment' due to ongoing legal
> actions will, in the absence of a gag order from a court of law, be
> taken to mean that the League in general and the Board in particular
> has something to hide from the membership.

This seems to be inherently naive Greg. The staff are under directions to not comment on any pending legal matter. Period. Any other organization would behave in a similar manner as far as I can see. So until the situation is resolved I don't imagine you'll see any league personnel or board officers commenting on the subject due to direction by legal council.

> other stuff deleted..
> help to the ARRL in dealing with the San Francisco splinter group's
> actions.

I think you missed what happened here. The SF group operated within the Leagues modus operandi and caused the board to reconsider their position via simply politicizing their elected rep to the ARRL board. They used the ARRL structure successfully to change the leagues position. Then the LARC national organization moved in an entirely different direction. The problems are between LARC national and the local chapter. Not between the local SF group and the league. Note: From reading their(the SF groups') newsletter there were other reasons beyond just this issue that caused the

fracture. I'll let someone who is a member of the SF group elaborate on that if they choose too.... I'm not trying to be any sort of spokesman for the folks in the SF group....

> stuff deleted
>
> Greg

Steve KA6S

Date: 21 Oct 93 20:04:38 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: PC cards again !
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hi all,

Sorry about this :

Further to my last message about cheap PC cards for packet radio,
the following should be added :

The node will be running the G8BPQ software, so any card suggested
will need to have a driver available as well, or be able to emulate
one of the already supported cards.

73 Ian

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Date: 21 Oct 93 19:41:20 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: PC cards for packet radio
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hi all,

I'm involved in a node project and am looking for a cheap
internal card for the PC, either 2 or 4 port, possibly with
9600 baud.

The RLC100 and DRSI cards are not that cheap here in the UK,
so I was wondering if there are any cheaper alternatives.
Possibly a card designed by a ham who has got unpopulated

boards for sale ? In this respect, the only one I know of
is the USCC card designed by the Baycom team in Germany.
Is anything else available - USA ?

Thanks and 73 Ian

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i.a.cameron@open.ac.uk

Date: 21 Oct 93 19:09:09 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: questionable repeater operation
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

About a year ago I was traveling in the northeast, and a friend who lives in the area I was visiting suggested I look for him on a big wide area linked system that included 6m, 220 and 440 access. On trying to get him unsuccessfully, {I could hear him, [he was on 220] and could bring up the repeater on 440, but he could not hear me} I found out that the audio link in the 440 input was down, broken, we thought. On two more occasions separated by several months, I visited the area again only to find that the system was still down. Last week, I visited the area again, and on finding the system still down, was informed that the owner of the repeater had it purposely turned off, "to keep out the riff-raff"! In other words, this repeater has been "broadcasting" for about a year all the qso's on the 220 side of the system over the 440 output, but no input has been possible through the 440 input. I presume that the repeater owner had the capability of opening up the 440 link for his own use, but other than that, I can't imagine why anyone would do such a thing. I don't think there is anything illegal about this operation, especially in light of how little 440 is used, but it's kind of annoying to hear all this activity, and hear the beeps from bringing up the repeater, but not being able to get in.
Doesn't seem like a very appropriate use of spectrum to me. Any comments?

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 14:28:39 GMT
From: yuma!galen@purdue.edu
Subject: Radio Schlock SWR/Power Meter
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1diT02c654=w01@JUTS.ccc.amdahl.com> arl00@JUTS.ccc.amdahl.com (Arlan R Levitan) writes:
>repeaters, sounds good, and we figure we're all set. Not willing to
>leave well enough alone, I stop over at a local RS at lunch and pick up
>their VHF/UHF SWR*Power Meter. My friend comes over, we hook it in-line

>between the trans and antenna. The meter gives us three wildly different
>SWR readings at the low, medium and high power settings of the
>Kenwood, namely, 1.5, 3, and off the scale, respectively. My Extra friend
>said that the meter must be trash...that SWR shouldn't vary with the power
>level.

>Does anyone have any experience with the RS Meter (PN# 19-320)? Any

Are you using the chart on the back that corrects the meter for different
power levels?

Any meter has only the accuracy you pay for. I have one of the RS meters,
and any reading I make with it includes a grain of salt ;-). The highest
power reading (45 watt radio) is the one I give the most attention to.

I regularly run the meter into a dummy load, because I know the load's SWR
is 1.15:1. If I use the chart on the back, it reads right on at different
powers.

It's cheap, I know it, and I like it.

Galen, KF0YJ

Date: 22 Oct 93 00:29:57 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!odin!
trier@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Status (and address) of Chechoslovakia Radio Club
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm getting information on reciprocal licensing for a trip, but I have
run into a stumbling block concerning the Czech Republic. I have
information for Czechoslovakia, but that may not be useful any more.

Does anyone know if the Central Radio Club of Czechoslovakia (CRCC) is
still in operation, whether their name has changed, and whether they
are the appropriate group to contact concerning licensing?

The address I have for the CRCC lists "Praha" as the city. Is that
even in the Czech Republic, or is it in Slovakia?

Thanks for any help!

Stephen

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"[I]t's time to put your power supply under the
cardboard pyramid in the fridge with the oranges
and razor blades under it."

- jangus@skyld.tele.com

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 06:13:23 GMT
From: pacbell.com!unet!loren!larson@ames.arpa
Subject: TenTec Century 22
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

A few years ago, I saw a TenTec Century 22 (I think) at a swap meet. I had used a Century 21D before, and thought this much smaller radio looked pretty neat. It went at auction for far more than I was willing to pay for a radio that I knew so little about, but I am still curious about them.

If anyone could tell me more about them, I would be interested. Did they have the smooth full break in that I remembered from the 21? Did they still have the annoying circuit-breaker based SWR protection of the 21? How 'clear' was their receiver?

Should I keep my eyes open for them at swap meets?

Alan

wa6azp

Date: 21 Oct 93 18:14:20 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Transmission Line Losses
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>Well, that wasn't what you said before, but ok, I agree that if you >don't know your line loss you can be in a spot of measurement trouble.

Gary, as I recall what caused us to disagree was when I said something to the effect that there are any number of antenna SWRs that will result in a particular transmitter end SWR and you came back saying that there is only one unique antenna SWR for a single value of transmitter end SWR.

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 10:46:01 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <claude.750929473@bauv106>, <2a2iae\$292@umcc.umcc.umich.edu>,

<CF8Fsv.81o@ucdavis.edu>he
Subject : Re: Homonauseated (Was: Newsline #842)

>: In article <claude.750929473@bauv106>,
>: Claude Frantz <claude@bauv.unibw-muenchen.de> wrote:
>: >Anyone which rejects other hams because of race, religion, nationality or
>: >sexual orientation should change his hobby. This attitude is not
>: >compatible with the ham spirit and this one is the base of our hobby.
>: >--
>: >Claude F.
>

But Claude, my complaint is the behavior, not the individual. I'm not rejecting ANY hams (especially if they use CW [oops, wrong newsgroup...])

Jeff NH6IL

Date: (null)
From: (null)

It's obvious now that you were talking about one particular antenna system while I was referring to the whole range of possible antenna systems and potential problems.

I think we agree that measuring the transmitter end SWR and reading the matched-line loss from a cable chart does not necessarily predict the antenna SWR or radiation efficiency.

73, Cecil, kg7bk@indirect.com
(I do not speak for Intel on Internet)

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 05:41:18 GMT
From: swrinde!sdd.hp.com!math.ohio-state.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!agate!
library.ucla.edu!news.ucdavis.edu!othello.ucdavis.edu!ez006683@network.ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <FAUNT.93Oct13180314@netcom2.Netcom.COM>, <claude.750929473@bauv106>,
<2a2iae\$292@umcc.umcc.umich.edu>
Subject : Re: Homonauseated (Was: Newsline #842)

Tim Tyler (tim@umcc.umcc.umich.edu) wrote:
: In article <claude.750929473@bauv106>,
: Claude Frantz <claude@bauv.unibw-muenchen.de> wrote:
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: >compatible with the ham spirit and this one is the base of our hobby.
: >
: >Claude F.

: "...change *his* hobby..."? Hey you SEXIST twit, maybe you
: didn't know it, but females can be amateur radio operators too!

Actually Tim, 'he' is the official English neuter third person singular pronoun. I personally tend to use the pronoun 'they' although it is grammatically incorrect. It It tends to decrease pointless flames :-) Plus very few people actually know enough grammar to know it is incorrect.

cheers es 73
Dan

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* I do not speak for the University of California.... *
* and it sure as hell doesn't speak for me!! *

Date: 21 Oct 1993 14:23:07 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!usc!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!
europa.eng.tefsd.com!avdms8.msfc.nasa.gov!news.larc.nasa.gov!
grissom.larc.nasa.gov!kludge@network.ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <dbledsoeCF34J2.3Jp@netcom.com>, <5JaoBc1w165w@micromed.com>, <2a51lq\$ai9@crcnis1.unl.edu>tefsd.
Subject : Re: GAY & QST

In article <2a51lq\$ai9@crcnis1.unl.edu> mcduffle@unlinfo.unl.edu (Gary McDuffle Sr) writes:
>
>>I have nothing against gays, but I disagree with any person or group
>>that uses Amateur Radio as a soap box for their special interests,
>>especially when those interests are totally unrelated to the hobby.
>
>Agree, 100%, every word!

We'd better get rid of that 40M net for tennis players, then. I really hate how those people waste bandwidth and force us all to play tennis.

--scott

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"C'est un Nagra. C'est suisse, et tres, tres precis."

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